British Admiralty-Instructions Not Mandatory as Captains Are Allowed Discretion.

RECEIVED BY LANSING

Orders in Reality Are Instructions for Guidance of Merchant Officers Who Elect to Resist.

Secretary of State Lansing announced yesterday that he had received a copy of the British admirally orders containing instructions governing the actions of British armed merchantmen on the high sees. The orders have an important bear-ing on the stifude of the United States government for the reason that the State Department on Wednesday defined what

it considered a peaceable and size war-like merchant craft. Secretary Lansing takes the view that an armed merchantman remains a peaceaan armed merchantman remains a recea-able ship so long as her captain bes the discretion of resisting or surrendering to an enemy war ship. But if the captain has mandatory orders from his govern-ment to resist capture under all circum-stances his vessel is regarded by the United States as a ship having a warlike character.
The British admiralty orders, which

Secretary Lansing officially asked Great Britain to communicate, show conclusively that the merchant captain may use hie discretion and surrender or resist. The orders are in reality instructions for the guidance of captains who elect to

resist.

The important paragraph in the orders showing that the captain may use his discretion is as follows:

"Fire must not be opened or continued from a yessel which has stopped, hauled down her flag or otherwise indicated her intention to surrender."

Peaceable Merchantmen.

This statement it is explained, clearly brings armed British merchantmen with-in the scope of peaceable merchant ships as defined by the United States govern-

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The instructions further state:

"I. The right of the crew of a merchant vessel foreibly to resist visit and search and fight in self-defense is well recognized in international law and expressly admitted by the German prize regulations in an addendum issued June. 1914, at a time when it was known that numerous merchant vessels were being armed for self-defense.

"I Armament is supplied solely for the purpose of resisting attack by an armed vessel and must not be used for any other purpose whatsoever.

"I. An armed merchant vessel, therefore, must not in any circumstances interfere with or obstruct the free passage of other merchant vessels or fishing craft, whether these are friendly, neutral, or hostile.

"I. The status of a British armed merchant vessel cannot be changed upon the high seas.

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the right of self defense:

"I. The master or officer in command is responsible for opening and ceasing fire.

"2. Participation in armed resistance must be confined to persons acting under the orders of the master or the officer in command.

"4. Before opening fire the British colors must be holsted."

ODD FELLOWS STAGE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Ninety-seventh Anniversary of Order Celebrated with Musical Numbers, Readings and Speeches.

The ninety-seventh anniversary of the iderendent Order of Old Fellows was eld at their half. 119 Seventh street orthwest. Wednesday.

The artists of the company were Rose Maxwell-Dickey, violin: Kathryn Riggs, harp; Constance Goodman, reader; Ger-rude Lyons, lyric soprano, and Charles Brooks Smith, agreempanist. The opening aridress was by Trying R.

schwinger, deputy grand master of the order, drain! Chaplain Petty offered the invocation. The rincipal address was made by George Huddleston, grand mas-ter of Alabana. A cornet solo was given by C. M. Wal-

PHI KAPPA IOTA TO DINE.

Local Fraternity Men of Emerson institute Will Banquet.

Kappa Iota Fraternity of Emers

Institute will give its annual banquet to-morrow evening at 8.20 o'clock at the Continental Hotel. All the alumni living within the District of Columbia and nearwithin the District of Columbia and near-by States are expected to be present.

The toastmaster will be Attorney Will-lam E. Padden, Georgetown, class 1915.

The speakers are: "Mr. A. McD. Craw-ford, principal of Emerson Institute; Frof. Tilton, Ross E. Hunter, William E. Yost, president of the alumni, and C. K. Glover, president of the active chapter. The following members compase the ban-quet committee. Thomas A. Cenja, Marquet committee: Thomas A. Conlon, Harry M. Casroli and T. Linwood Lawrence.

Dance at Steward's College.

The April dance of the Athletic Asso-riation of Steward's Business College was held last night at Carroll Institute. "Moonlight dances" featured the evening's entertainment, the moonlight effect being furnished by an electric spotlight in the gallery. The committee in charge of terangements was compohed of the following: Ernest W. Emery, chalrman: Walter C. Cox, Mary M. Jolliffee, Esther Apperson, E. Irene Finch, Frank Hardle, Louise Duckett, John Beal, jr., Daniel Balph, Albert H, Asken, Elmer Acken, Clinton E, Giles, and Maurice Garrison.

New Building on Seventh Street. Plans have been prepared by Julius Wenig, architect, for a three-story store building 21 by 70 feet to be erected at 90s Seventh street northwest. The front will be faced with rough texture brick of light shade, with stone trimmings. The first floor front will have a double deck all glass show windows, and the second and third floor front will have a copper bey with large display windows. The building, when completed, will cost \$15,000. The contract has been awarded to M. Gumenick, and work will be started

Only Six More Days.

Just six more days remain in which to solve The Herald's diamond puzzle and win one of the attractive cash prizes. Those who enter now or later until the close have an equal chance to win with those who submitted solutions earlier, so don't miss registering a solution by mid-night next Wednesday. It may mean as

For Hospital Linen Showers

One of the Washington Hospitals will hold a Linen Shower today, Friday, April 28. Our Linen Department will gladly suggest to you the proper items to include in your donation

Gordfoll & Grawbooll

New York—WASHINGTON—Paris

An Interesting Window Display

in our big F street window we have arranged a display of Men's Straw Hats, containing not only the newest madels, but also an interesting collection of those dating as far back as 1876.

This Is Remnant Day---and There Is an Especially Good Collection of Items

Economy-wise women are regular patrons of our Friday Remnant Sales. And they are not regular patrons simply because of the low prices which are always a compelling feature of interest, but because at these low prices there is offered merchandise that is of a quality and service far beyond the price-merchandise that is useful or beautiful, or both.

Local Mail, or Phone Orders cannot be accepted, and we cannot send Remnants on approval or C. O. D. This rule is neccessary to protect the patrons who come in

TWO "ONYX" DAYS April 28th, Friday Saturday

Sale of Silk Hosiery at Exceptional Prices, The distributers of "Onyx" Hosiery have decided upon this

mpressive way of convincing people of the values in "Onyx" Hosiery, and in face of advancing prices all along the line. The prices quoted are for Friday and Saturday only, and should appeal to every one.

Four New and Original Styles in

The Famous Wirthmor Waists

Go on Sale Today at \$1.00

Four beautiful and pretty new styles in Wirthmor Waists-origi nal, never having been shown before and not obtainable in any other waists at anywhere near the price. They are on sale only in this store,

and only on Friday.

Wirthmor Waists are always neat, simple, refined and of extreme desirability and durability. They are made to give lasting satisfaction and to conform with the latest styles without being extreme. The value is undoubtedly the best that \$1.00 will buy, and our patrons have come to wait for these Friday sales with edger anti-patron.

Each Wirthmor Waist comes packed in a sanitary transparent envelope, which assures its freshness and cleanliness, and each envelope is stamped Wirthmor, assuring that it is genuine.

Today, Friday

An After-Easter Reduction Sale in

Women's Trimmed Hats

At \$5.00 Each

rop forcibly evident.

There are included Large and Small Hats, Roll-brim and Flat-brim Sailors, Silk and Straw Combinations, and all the various kinds of Straws, in a wide variety of new and desirable trimmings and colors. There are guy and saucy-looking hats or simple and dignified effects.

Thats suitable for every woman are represented in this extensive collection, and the savings are very great.

\$5.00 each-Were \$7.50 and \$10.00.

Knit Underwear Department.

18 Women's Imported Swiss Ribbed Lisle Thread Combina-tion Suits, in low neck and sleeveless style and knee length; size 4: 75e each. Were \$1.25.

12 Women's Jersey Ribbed Cotton Combination Suits, high neck, long sleeves and ankle length; size 4; 50e each. Were

10 Women's Imported Swiss Ribbed Vests, high neck and short sleeve styles; sizes 4 and 5; 50e each, Were 75c.

18 Women's Jersey Ribbed Combination Suits, low neck and sleeveless style, with lace-trimmed drawers; size 4; 25e ench. Were 37%c.

China Department.

l 14-inch Decorated French China Meat Platter, \$1.50. Was \$2.50.

1 Richly Decorated Franch China Salad Bowl, 95c. Was \$2.00,

1 Imported Decorated French China Govered Sauce Tureen, \$1.00. Was \$2.25. 1 Daintily Decorated French China Soup Tureen, \$2.56. Was \$5.00.

1 Decorated China Marmalade Jar, 95e. Was \$1.75.

6 Richly Decorated French China Bread and Butter Plates, 25e each. Were 75c.

2 Decorated Mayonnaise Bowls, 48e each. Were \$1.00. 1 Decorated Sugar and Cream Set, 48e, Was \$1,00.

2 Decorated English Porcelain Covered Dishes, 48e exch. Were \$1.50.

3 Pieces Molded Marble Statu-ary, 25c each. Were 50c.

1 Richly Decorated Covered Dish, \$5,25. Was \$2.75.

Housefurnishing Department.

A lot of Moth-proof Garment Bags reduced because they are shopworn through display; the number of each size is limited.

24x55 inches, 65e each—were \$1.25.

30x55 inches, 75c each-were \$1.50.

24x30 inches, 20c cach-were

50x30 inches, 50c each-were \$1.00.

15x30 inches, 75c each—were \$1.50.

55x30 inches, 65e each-were \$1.25.

1 each of the following sizes; 24x40 inches: 35e, was 65c; 28x50 inches, 35e, was 75c; 28x55 inches, 50e, was \$1.00.

inches, 50c. was \$1.00.

5 short lengths of Garden Hose Reduced.

1 9-ft. length, 95c—was \$1.42.

1 4-ft. length, 40c—was \$1.35.

1 15-ft. length, 90c—was \$1.35.

1 15-ft. length, \$1.50—was \$2.25.

1 50-ft. length, \$5.00—was \$7.50.

1 White Japanned Cake Box, 35c. Was 50c.

1 White Japanned Roll-top Bread Box, 45c. Was 75c.

1 White Japanned Square Bread Box, 35c. Was 58c.

1 Infants Bath Tub, \$1.25, Was \$2.00.

1 Folding Step Ladder Chair, 75c. Was \$1.50.
1 Serving Tray, 75c. Was \$1.25.
2 Furniture Polish, 50c each. Were 75c.
1 lot Kitchen Strainers, 5c each. Were 10c.
1 lot Falt-covered Garment Hangers, 10c each. Were 25c.
2 jars Silver Polish, 25c each. Were 45c.
1 Aluminum Saucepan, \$1.00.

I Aluminum Saucepan, \$1.00. Was \$1.50.

Fifth floor-F et.

23x34 inches, 25c each-were

Withdrawing from our stocks that we had for Easter a large uber of Trimmed Hats, we have decided to close them out at and ½ less than their original prices. These are fresh, desirable, d-looking, stylish and new hats, with the marks of latest style irly apparent in each one, and the qualities of Woodward & Loth-

Hose, medium weight, with Liste Top, double sole, heel, and toe. "Onyx" Days' price.

FOR WOMEN.

Item 1-Black and White Silk

item 2-Black and White, with high spliced heel, double garter top, sole and toe, "Onyx" Days' price, \$1.00.

FOR MEN.

Item 3—In two weights, medium and heavy Silk Haif Hose, in Black, White, Tan, Navy, Suede, Grsy, Palm Beach, Champagne, and Mahogany, with extra re-enforced heel, sole and toe. "Onyx" Days nrice 35c.

sole and toe. "Onyx" Days price, 35c.

Item 4—An All-silk, or with Lisle Sole; Black, White, Tan, Navy and Gray High Spliced Heel, double sole and toe. "Onyx" Days' price, \$1.66.

Main floor-F a.

11 Men's Outing Flannel Night Shirts; size 14; 35c each. Were

Men's Furnishings Department.

15 pairs Men's Natural-color Chamois Gloves, slightly soiled from window display; sizes 734 and 81/4; 85c pair. Were \$1.50. 7 Men's Colored Negligee Shirts, stiff cuffs attached; sizes 14, 151/2 and 18; 68c each; 3 for \$2.00. Were \$1.00 each.

9 Men's Colored Negligee Shirts, with soft fold cuffs; sizes 141/2 and 151/2; 68c each; 3 for \$2.00. Were \$1.00 each.

Hosiery Department. 20 pairs Women's Blue and

Lavender Lisle Thread Hose, with silk clocks up the side, double soles and high spliced heels; sizes 8½, 9 and 9½; 25c Were soc.

19 pairs Women's Boot-silk Hose, double soles and high spliced heels; sizes 9 and 10; slightly imperiect; 35c pair. Were

30 pairs Women's Black-and-white Lisle Thread Hose, double soles and high spliced heels; irand 9/2; 25c pair. Were 35c.

Upholstery Department.

107 remnants and short lengths of Cretonnes, Upholstery Materials, Tapestries, Velours, Damasks, Curtain Nets, Scrims, Marquisettes and many other weaves, and lengths suitable for upholstery stery and furniture work, dra-peries, covering cushions and boxes, making bags, scarfs and small decorative and fancy ars. The prices are 1-4 to 1-2 than regular prices. Screen Doors, damaged or

imperfect; 2 at 75c each and 2 at \$1.00 each. Were \$1.50 and 1 pair Sunfast Curtains, mot-tled rose and Nile green; \$2.75.

Were \$7.00. 3 pairs Light-weight Mercer-ized Cross-striped Curtains, red with black stripes; goc pair. Were

pair Mulberry Sunfast Curtains, \$2.75. Were \$8.50.
3 pairs Rich Dark Red Mer-3 pairs Rich Dark Red Mer-cerized Madras Curtains with deep floral border, \$2.00 pair. Fourth (ker-6) at.

Friday Clearance of Women's White Petticoats.

A most interesting and timely offering in Summer Petticoats. They are made of fine Nainsook and Cambric and are beautifully trimmed with deep embroidery flounces. Offered at clearance prices because of the miscellaneous assortment of styles.

\$1.95 to \$3.75 each. Were \$3.75

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And the following:
10 pairs Women's Nainsook
Drawers, with embroidery rufiles,
35c pair. Were 50c.
14 Nainsook Corset Covers
trimmed with lace, beading and
ribbon, 35c each. Were 50c.
11 Klosht Silk Petticoats of
messaline jersey and taffeta, in messaline, jersey and taffeta, in colors of green, gray, brown, wistaria, plum and tan with flared ruffled flounces, \$3.50 each. Reg-

ularly \$5.00. 7 White Lawn Wrappers, empire style with colored borders, soc each. Were \$1.00.

10 Muslin Hospital Gowns, short open back and high neck with long sleeves, 50c each. Were \$1.00. Third floor F st.

Friday Special in Women's Pumps.

Several small lots of women's High-grade Pumps have been assembled for the purpose of clearance on Friday. They are effective new styles, and very noteworthy values, having sold formerly at much higher prices.

36 pairs Women's Patent Coltskin Pumps, some trimmed with bright metal buckle and tongues, or with elf-covered buckle. Sizes elf-covered buckle. Sizes \$2.00.

1 White Enameled Bath Stool,
\$1.00. Was \$1.50.

1 lot Potato Ricers, 10c each,
Were 25c.

1 Folding Step Ladder Chair,
75c. Was \$1.50.

1 Serving Tray, 75c. Was \$1.25. or with elf-covered buckle. Sizes are 4 AA; 2½, 3, 4, 5½, 6½, and 7½ A; 2½, 4, 6, 6½, 7 and 7½ B; 2½, 3, 4, 5½, 6, 6½, and 7½ C; 3½ and 5½ D. 30 Pairs Women's Taipe Suede Tedesco Pumps with Goodyear welt soles and covered Cuban heels triumed with small

heels, trimmed with small tongues and self-covered buckles. Sizes 4, 4½, 5, and 5½ A; 3½, 4, 4½, 5, 5½, 6, and 7 B; 2½, 3½, 4, 4½, 5, and 6½ C; 4, 4½, 5, 5½, and 7 D. Greatly reduced to \$3.50 pair. Third floor-Teath et.

\$40.00. Fourth floor-Eleventh et.

Friday Special in

Girls' Gingham Dresses.

Striped, Checked and Plaid Gingham Dresses in very attractive styles and dainty colors of blue, green, tan and pink. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

Special price, \$1.00 each.

Friday Clearance of Boys' Spring Norfolk Suits.

24 Boys' New Spring-weight Norfolk Suits, in good models and very desirable gray and tan woolen materials. There are sizes 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18. \$4.75 each. Were \$6.00.

Also 40 Boys' Wash Suits in new models and practically every desirable color; high quality materials; sizes 21-2 to 6 years. \$1.15 each. Were \$1.95 to \$2.95. Third floor-Eleventh st

Friday Clearance of Women's Odd Blouses.

Cur Plouse section does such an extensive business that each week there are many odd blouses and styles slightly mussed or soiled from display and handling which must be closed out on Friday. For today the collection is large and varied and the choice one of the best we have offered.

Handkerchief Linen Blouses, tucked, embroidered and plain, with convertible collars. ertible collars.

S.9.5 each—were \$5,00, \$2.95 each—were \$2.95, \$1.95 each—were \$2.95, \$1.95 each—were \$2.95, Idngerie Blouses of Organdy and ck and long or short sleeves.

83.95 each—were \$5.00.

82.95 each—were \$3.95.

81.95 each—were \$2.95.

Marquisette and Dimity Blouses,
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Marquisette and Dimity Houses, with large or small collars and long it short sleeves.

68e each—were \$1.00.

Striped Madras Blouses, in lavender and black stripes, low collars and long sleeves.

81.00 each—were \$1.50.

Asmall Lot of Crepe de Chine and Georgette Crepe Blouses, in emproidered, large-trimmed and tucked, styles, also a few Lace Blouses, \$3.95 each—were \$5.75.

Crepe de Chine Blouses, in flesh, maize, and white, several styles.

r and cuffs.

\$1.95 each were \$2.95.

Vests to be were over Blouses, in lain green, brocaded and plaid ma-\$1.00 each—were \$1.95. \$2.50 each—were \$3.25 and \$3.95.

Misses' Department.

2 Taffeta Silk Dresses, in brown and rose colors; sizes 16 and 18; \$12.95 each. Were \$25.00. 2 Chiffon Taffeta Dresses, rose and Copenhagen colors in dainty afternoon tyles with full skirts; sizes 16 and 18; \$14.75 each. Were \$29.50.
2 Winter Coats, gray mixtures, in size 18; \$10.00 each. Were \$29.50.

Bed Department.

We are offering a few of the well-known Englander Couch Beds at reduced prices.

I Englander Couch Bed opens to three-quarter size, National fabric spring with dustproof wardrobe box suspended under spring, \$18.50. Was \$21.50.

I Couch as above with Tee Link spring, \$15.00. Was \$17.50.

I Englander Couch Bed, opens to 4.8 foot size; National fabric spring, \$15.00. Was \$17.50.

I Box Spring Couch, 2.6 feet 1 Box Spring Couch, 2.6 feet wide, covered in blue and white wite, covered in blac and wite ticking; \$15.00. Was \$17.50.

A few odd Pillows filled with clean feathers and covered in good ticking, marked at 1-4 less than regular prices. Sixth floor-Teuth st.

Baby Carriage Department.

1 Wood Body Pullman Sleeper, in brown, leather cloth hood and artillery wheels with brake; \$8.75. Was \$15.00. White Enamel Pullman Sleep-er of full round reed, windshield

and removable sanitary cushions, turntable gear; adjustable hood

turntable gear; adjustable hood with green lining; \$18.75. Was \$25.00.

I Brown Enamel Pullman Sleeper with artillery wheels and corduroy lining; adjustable hood with foot brake; \$14.75. Was \$18.50.

I Pullman Sleeper with wood body and artillery wheels; blue enameled full round reed hood trimmed with white; \$24.75. Was \$40.00.

You'll want to hear this new record of "Listen to the Mocking Bird"



You know this charming old ballad—the song of your school days which enabled you to demonstrate your whistling abilities. Once the most popular of American songs; and now it is revived by the Victor in a most attractive form.

Alma Gluck gives a most delightful rendition, with some real mocking-bird calls by that famous "Nature Singer," Charles Kellogg.

Victor Red Seal Record 74465. Twelve-inch, \$1.50.

The "Lucia Sextet" and the "Rigoletto Quartet" on one record

You'll be interested to know that you can now get these two famous operatic masterpieces on one Victor Double-faced Record. They are the numbers which have heretofore been available only on single-faced records. Sung respectively by the Victor Opera Sextet and the Victor Opera Quartet. In this new form they are one of the most attractive combinations ever offered.

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Two popular concert ballads by two instrumental trios

The Neapolitan Trio (violih, flute, harp) and the Venetian Trio (violin, 'cello, harp) are two organizations whose sweet-toned and delightful renditions may justly be pronounced perfect examples of pure music. The two well-known numbers now presented—"I Hear You Calling Me" by the Neapolitan, and "Little Grey Home in the West" by the Venetian-seem especially attractive in instrumental form, and show to advantage the skill of these players.



Victor Double-feeed Record 17979. Ten-inch, 75 cents.

These three records are among the

New Victor Records for May

Come in and hear them-get a complete descriptive list of all the numbers. And while you're here, ask to hear any numbers that appeal to you. We will gladly play them for you.



Victrola Parlors-Fourth floor.

You Will Want Music in Your Home This Summer---WITH A VICTROLA YOU CAN ENJOY EVERY CLASS OF MUSIC KNOWN TO MAN.

Think what the Victrola does for the homes that it is in-makes itpossible for you to enjoy the best music in the world-bands, orchestras, violins, every musical instrument and every world-renowned human voice is brought before you with the Victrola.

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VICTROLA IX\$50 Mahogany and oak. Convenient terms. No interest.



VICTROLA X\$75 Mahogany and oak. Convenient terms. No interest.



VICTROLA XIV \$150 Mahogany and oak. Convenient

terms. No interest.

VICTROLA XI\$100

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Fourth Score-Eleventh st.